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SUBJ: GOK DECLINES RECONSIDER SUSPENSION AID TO JORDAN

REF: KUWAIT 2455

1. ACTING STATE MINISTER JASSIM AL-MARZOUK TOLD PRESS, FOLLOWING WEEKLY CABINET MEETING SEPT 16, THAT KUWAIT WELCOMES ANY STEPS THAT BRING ARAB COUNTRIES CLOSER TO EACH OTHER UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, WHEN ASKED IF REPORTS THAT CABINET HAD DISCUSSED QUESTION OF AID TO JORDAN WERE TRUE MINISTER SAID SUCH REPORTS WERE PREMATURE AND POINTED OUT THAT CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH GOK AID WAS SUSPENDED STILL PREVAIL TODAY. HE ADDED THAT IF AND WHEN PLO INFORMS GOK THAT MATTERS ARE SETTLED AND RELATIONS HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL BETWEEN JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES AND THE RESISTANCE, THE GOK MAY RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO SUSPEND AID.

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2. COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE, GOK PREVIOUSLY INSISTED ON GOJ'S

ADHERENCE TO CAIRO AND AMMAN AGREEMENTS BEFORE IT WOULD RESUME AID TO JORDAN. IT NOW APPEARS THAT GOJ AGREEMENT TO ADMIT SOME FEDAYEEN TO JORDAN MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ENOUGH FOR GOK TO RESUME AID -- PROVIDED THAT FATAH MADE KNOWN ITS APPROVAL. ON OTHER HAND REOPENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN AND EGYPT AND JORDAN AND SYRIA, IN ITSELF, APPEARS INADEQUATE TO PERMIT GOK TO OVERCOME OPPOSITION IT WOULD FACE IN ASSEMBLY AND ELSEWHERE, IF IT ATTEMPTED RE-EXTEND AID NOW. REFTTEL INDICATED GOK MIGHT REQUIRE REQUEST FROM BOTH EGYPT AND SYRIA BEFORE AID COULD BE UNFROZEN, FOLLOWING REESTABLISHMENT JORDANIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THEM.

3. WE PLAN TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH FONMIN AT APPROPRIATE TIME, URGE GOK DO WHAT IT CAN, AND LEARN IF THERE ANY CHANGE IN GOK OUTLOOK THIS ISSUE.
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